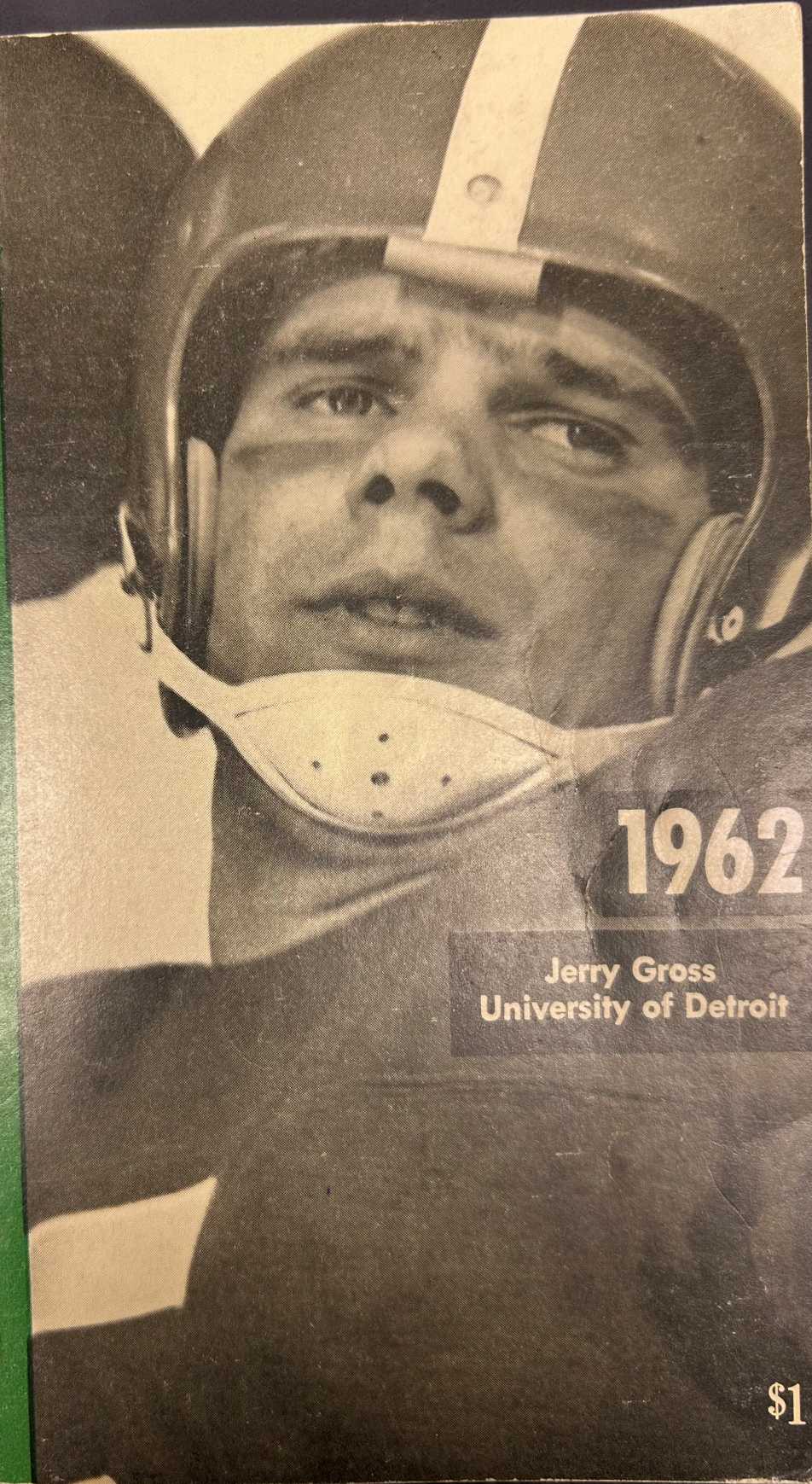


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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, 1924-1961

Alabama was the choice of both the writers' and coaches' polls as college football's unofficial national champion, at the conclusion of the 1961 season. The AP poll of sports writers was originated in 1936 and the UPI poll of coaches was begun in 1950. Representing the combined opinions of observers across the country, they are the most popularly accepted electors to mythical national title honors. Prior to the polls, the Rissman and Knute Rockne trophies, symbolized the championship from 1924 to 1936. The roll of titlists thus designated:

1961—Alabama	1952—Michigan State	1943—Notre Dame	1933—Michigan
1960—Minnesota	1951—Tennessee	1942—Ohio State	1932—Michigan
1959—Syracuse	1950—Oklahoma	1941—Minnesota	1931—So. California
1958—LSU	1949—Notre Dame	1940—Minnesota	1930—Notre Dame
1957—Auburn, Ohio St.	1948—Michigan	1939—Texas A&M	1929—Notre Dame
1956—Oklahoma	1947—Notre Dame	1938—T.C.U.	1928—So. California
1955—Oklahoma	1946—Notre Dame	1937—Pittsburgh	1927—Illinois
1954—Ohio St., UCLA	1945—Army	1936—Minnesota	1926—Stanford
1953—Maryland	1944—Army	1935—S.M.U.	1925—Dartmouth
		1934—Minnesota	1924—Notre Dame

NATIONAL RATINGS, 1936-1961

The most successful major teams of the past 26 years, according to the ratings produced by the press association polls, have been Notre Dame and Oklahoma. Counting 10 points for each season-end first place rating, 9 for second and so on, the Irish have accumulated 106 points, the Sooners 88, with the rest far behind:

1. Notre Dame ... 106	5. Tennessee ... 63	9. Alabama ... 44	13. U.C.L.A. ... 40
2. Oklahoma ... 88	6. Army ... 61	10. L.S.U. ... 43	14. Mississippi ... 38
3. Michigan ... 67	7. Minnesota ... 56	11. Navy ... 41	15. Georgia Tech. 36
4. Ohio State ... 66	8. Michigan St. ... 51	12. Texas ... 41	16. Iowa ... 36

THE GRANTLAND RICE AWARD

This post-bowl games award, representing the FWAA selection committee's title choice, was presented to UCLA in 1954, Oklahoma in 1955 and 1956, Ohio State in 1957, Iowa in 1958, Syracuse in 1959, Mississippi in 1960 and Ohio State in 1961.

coach who replaced Bill Jennings at Nebraska; Marcelino Huerto at Wichita of the Missouri Valley; and John Idzik at Detroit.

Devaney's successor at Wyoming is Lloyd Eaton. It is interesting to note that Jennings, abandoned by Nebraska as head coach, stays in the Big Eight as a backfield coach at Kansas—where backs certainly are needed to replace John Hadl, Curtis McClinton and Bert Coan.

In the Southwest, three new coaches will make their debuts. These include Hank Foldberg at Texas A&M, Hayden Fry at Southern Methodist University and Bill Yeoman at the University of Houston.

The big new man in the east, of course, is ex-LSU luminary Dietzel appearing at Army where he once served as assistant to Earl Blaik. Other new eastern mentors include Jim Miller, switching from Detroit to Boston College, and Hal Lahar, returning to Colgate from Houston.

Last season provided some instances of good, old-fashioned, will-to-win. Minnesota's Golden Gophers, who weren't even supposed to be in the Big Ten race, finished close behind champion Ohio State and returned to the Rose Bowl to trim UCLA and right an aching wrong. The year before, the Gophers—acclaimed as national champions—were nearly chased out of the Rose Bowl by Washington's fleet Huskies.

Way down south in Dixie, Virginia not only snapped the shackles of a 28-game losing streak, but also knocked Maryland out of the Gator Bowl by

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